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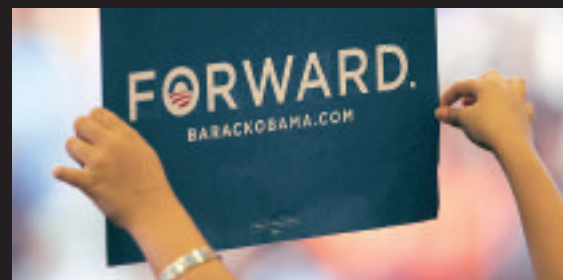
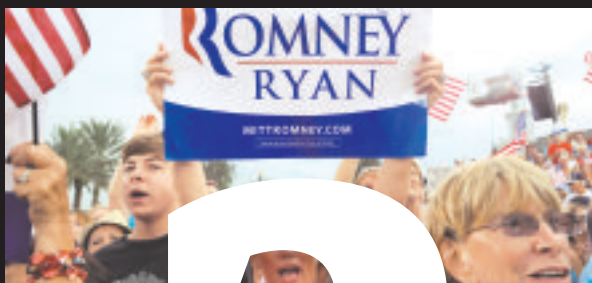
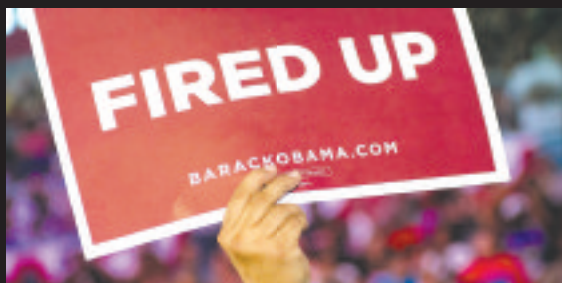
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Informed but unimpressed

► Much of America's all-important voting bloc of 'undecided' electorate appear to know both candidates ► That's part of reason they can't decide ► Debate tonight may not change that

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There may only be a few of them, but they're still out there: undecided voters.

Tonight's third and final presidential debate could prove to be the deciding factor for a small, but crucial group of Americans who have yet to make up their minds about whether President Obama or Republican Mitt Romney will get their vote Nov. 6.

Undecided voters, who often get a bad rap for being "low-information," are all-important in battleground states. According to a Reuters/ Ipsos poll conducted last week, 7.6 percent of voters nationwide are still undecided. In left-leaning New York, where 8.9 percent of voters still are undecided, the importance of their vote tends to diminish.

Lee Miringoff, director of the Marist Institute for Public Opinion at Marist College, said the narrow margin of undecided voters is testament to the vast difference between the candidates.

"Usually there are more earlier, now is the time it starts to boil down," Miringoff told Metro. "This election is very polarized. There isn't a lot of switching back and forth."

While the rest of the nation racks its brain about what could be taking undecided voters so long to choose, some who spoke to Metro said they are waiting to hear the candidates speak more on issues important to them. Others said they wanted to see all three debates before making a choice.

Still, some voters said it's not that they're undecided —

What are they waiting for?



Sean McKeown, 32, Bushwick chemist

► "I'm an undecided

voter not because I'm low-information but because I'm high-information, and the issues I think need addressing are outside the scope of what has presently been discussed at either debate. I have to choose between Green, Libertarian, and Democrat and the willful exclusion of Gary Johnson and Jill Stein by the "15 percent" rule to be included in the debate prevents me from hearing info that I think would be very pertinent to my decision."



Luke Clay, 28, Upper West Side financial services

► "I live in a blue state so really my

vote doesn't mean much, because New York is going to go for Obama. So unless you live in a battleground state, you are just exercising your constitutional right, but a lot of times, it doesn't mean much. I have cynicism with the Electoral College and great disdain for the two-party system. We are divided so strongly along party lines."



► Many undecided voters simply don't like the choices provided by the two major political parties.

8.9%

Those in New York who say they remain undecided on a candidate in the Nov. 6 presidential election, compared to 7.6 percent of voters nationally who remain undecided.

it's that they've decided to not vote at all. The same poll found 6.7 percent nationwide don't plan to cast a ballot.

"I don't believe anything either are saying, so I'm going to abstain from voting," Shawn Sethi, 27, told Metro. "I want someone who will execute on what they say, which is not one of these two candidates."

And there may not be

much hope for getting him to change his mind. At this stage of the game, the candidates are likely done trying to woo people who still won't pick, Miringoff said.

"The race really is about turning out your supporters, not about converting the undecided," Miringoff said.



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In the news

More NJ cases of meningitis

The U.S. death toll from fungal meningitis linked to potentially contaminated steroid injections has risen by two to 23, health officials said this weekend. States reported 13 new cases of fungal meningitis, raising the total to 281. Indiana and New Hampshire reported two new cases apiece. Virginia, Tennessee and New Jersey each had three new cases, the CDC said. **METRO**

In the news



NJ race cancelled

Next year's inaugural Grand Prix of America in New Jersey will be postponed to 2014 because local organizers need more time to prepare, race organizers said over the weekend. Organizers said the plan now was for a race in 2014. The waterfront Grand Prix of America, with the New York skyline as a backdrop, had been penciled in for June 16 next year. **REUTERS**

Women going for abortions to get volunteer escorts

NEW YORK CITY. Starting next month, a new City Council-backed program will employ volunteer escorts to shield women seeking an abortion from increasingly hostile demonstrators, Speaker Christine Quinn declared Friday.

Although the anti-abortion protestors have a right to speak their minds, they

80 Protesters outside a Jamaica, Queens, abortion clinic rallying against the new escort program.

should not be able to intimidate anyone from accessing medical care, Quinn said.

► **JESSE GREENSPAN**



► A Hit-and-run crash killed a man in Queens.

Cops: Suspect arrested who fled fatal crash scene

QUEENS. The driver of a sports utility driver was arrested Saturday after, police say, he fatally striking a man walking on the street and then fleeing the scene on foot.

Shiwoo Lee, 22, came to a stop after jumping a curb at the corner of Booth Memorial Avenue and 164th Street in Queens, according to police reports.

4 Miles from the scene that cops arrested the suspect, Lee, at his home in Oakland Gardens, according to reports.

But, police allege, he ran off rather than getting help for the 76-year-old man he hit. **METRO/JG**



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Two dead in plane crash off Fire Island

Two men from Queens died Saturday afternoon when the small plane they were flying crashed

30

Feet of the Moriches Inlet to which plane sank after the crash. Investigators were able to retrieve the plane and sent it to an impound unit.

into waters just to the east of Fire Island.

Witnesses on a nearby beach heard the sputtering of an engine as they watched the plane plummet at around 3:05 p.m., according to Suffolk County police.

Some boaters who arrived at the scene attempted to keep the plane above water by tying a rope to it, but police said it eventually sank to depths of about 30

feet.

The two victims trapped inside were later identified as Cyril McIlavin, 51, of Fresh Meadows, Queens, and Andrew Messana, 72, of Bayside, Queens.

The plane, meanwhile, was pulled out of Moriches Inlet — which separates Fire Island from Westhampton island — and sent to an impound unit. An investigation is ongoing.

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Pregnant mother found slain on her wedding day

With a wedding and baby shower planned, it was supposed to be a joyous weekend for Vindalee Smith.

But the 38-year-old pregnant mother of four tragically was found stabbed to death Saturday morning at her home in East Flatbush, Brooklyn.

Police had not yet made any arrests as of Sunday evening. An investigation is ongoing.

Smith's wedding would have taken place at the New Dimension Seventh-day Adventist Church, located just around the corner from her E. 94th Street home.

Fellow churchgoers told the Daily News that they became worried when she didn't show up for early morning Saturday services.

Her landlord went to check in and reportedly discovered her lying on the ground with trauma to the body.

Emergency responders then officially pronounced her dead upon arriving at the scene around 9:20 a.m.

Smith's due date was just a few weeks away.

"I can't even begin to imagine who would want to do that," Smith's friend, Sybil Samuel, told the Daily News. "It would be the devil to kill a



► Smith

woman with a child in her stomach. They killed two people."

Her four surviving children include two teenage boys, who were staying with family friends at the time of the murder, and two girls in their 20s, according to the New York Post.

Smith's pastor told the Post that a former neighbor had previously threatened to kill her, and that she had received death threats as recently as two weeks ago.

There was no reportedly no sign of forced entry and no weapon discovered.

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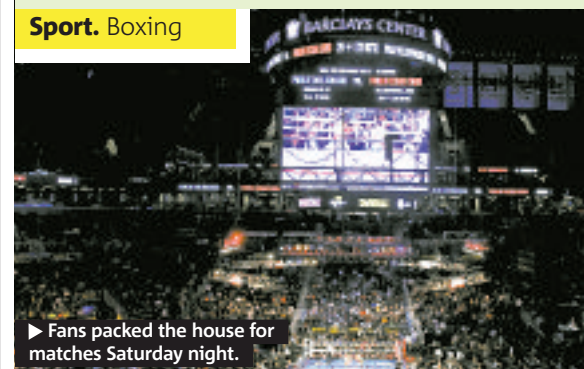
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Sport. Boxing



► Fans packed the house for matches Saturday night.

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Boxing begins at Barclays Center

The first of what will be one-a-month boxing matches at the new Barclays Center kicked off this weekend, giving revelers a taste of Saturday night fights outside Madison Square Garden, once famously known as the "sports mecca of the world." Four championship bouts brought boxing back to Brooklyn for the first time in some 70 years. ● METRO

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Goofier the outfit, cooler the doggie

The largest gathering of Halloween-costumed pooches in America again brought hundreds of crazy-clad canines to the Alphabet City section of the East Village this weekend. More than 500 owners brought their dogs to the contest last year. Several deemed best-dressed receive awards for the annual event, which last year featured dogs dressed as Donald Trump, Don Draper and an MTA city bus. ● METRO

Skateboarders defiantly ride in 'Broadway Bomb'

A heavy New York City police presence Saturday discouraged a group of hundreds of skateboarders from defying a court order that banned the annual race through Midtown Manhattan known as the Broadway Bomb.

But many skateboarders were not deterred. At the race's planned finish line in Manhattan's Financial District, where there was a heavy police presence, many boarders said they took alternate routes downtown to avoid police stationed at intersections throughout Midtown.

Late Thursday, city officials won a temporary restraining order that banned the eight-mile race from Upper Manhattan to Wall Street along Broadway, one of Manhattan's busiest streets, because of safety concerns and permit requirements. A Facebook page for the event listed nearly 2,000 participants as of Friday



► Riders were not deterred.

"They might chase me, but they ain't going to catch me."

SEAN P. MCCARTHY, 43, PITTSBURGH TATTOO SHOP OWNER WHO WAS HOLDING A SKATEBOARD BEARING AN IMAGE OF FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

morning, but later in the day organizers canceled the race. Hundreds of riders vowed online to ride anyway and up-town subway trains in Manhattan were filled Saturday

No arrests

An NYPD spokesman said there were no arrests. Saturday afternoon, the event's official Facebook page began to fill with comments praising the police's low-key response.

morning with boarders, many of whom said they had come to the city from other states.

At the race's official starting point in Upper Manhattan, a dozen NYPD officers stood together near a digital sign that warned that skateboarders who defied the court order would face arrest.

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wound at the scene, Brookfield police said.

The suspected gunman was identified as 45-year-old Radcliffe Haughton, a resident of Brown Deer, Wis.

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Opinion

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Energy in today's daylight was released from fusion in the sun before civilization as we know it existed. Although today's daylight is ancient energy, it's mixed in with neutrinos released less than ten minutes ago. Similarly, the light that will shine on Earth in the year 102,012 AD will be from the same collisions that released neutrinos passing through you right now.

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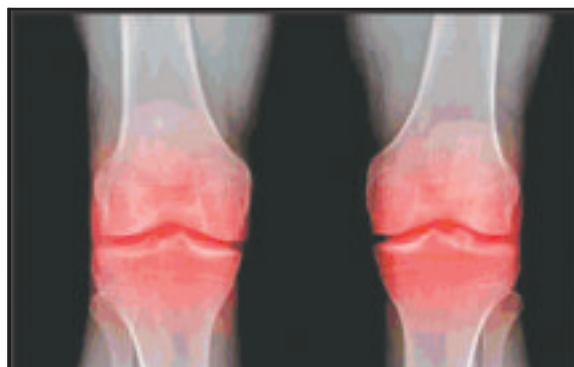
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In the news

Sponsors face doping dilemma after Armstrong scandal

Cyclist Lance Armstrong's doping scandal is causing sponsors to question their future in a sport that allows them to reach mass audiences at a moderate price, but risks tainting their brand.

The Dutch Rabobank pulled out of professional cycling on Friday, ending a sponsorship deal worth 15 million euros (\$19.6 million) a year and leaving one of the Tour de France's best known teams facing an uncertain future.

U.S. sportswear giant Nike dropped seven-times Tour de France winner Armstrong last Wednesday after the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency said his success had been fuelled by an elaborate and sophisticated doping scheme.



▶ Armstrong

\$19.6M

The Dutch Rabobank pulled out of professional cycling, ending a \$19.6 million sponsorship.

"I know that our sponsors continue to be very supportive and view this as a necessary process to move the sport forward," said Jonathan Vaughters, manager for the Garmin-Sharp team. **REUTERS**

Yahoo CEO's comeback plan puts focus on tech

Marissa Mayer, who earned a reputation for decisive action and intensity during her 13-year stint at Google Inc., has spent her first months as Yahoo Inc. CEO quietly moving the Internet pioneer back to its roots in technology.

Long torn between whether it should focus on media content or on tools and technologies, Yahoo under Mayer is being positioned



firmly in the latter camp, according to sources inside and outside the company.

Her hires, acquisition musings and other early moves hint at an ambitious, technology-driven comeback plan designed to revitalize aging but well-trafficked properties such



▶ The company is expected to revitalize its aging websites.

as Yahoo Mail, Yahoo Finance and Yahoo Sports.

Yahoo has been criticized for allowing these sites to stagnate — they look very much like they did five years ago, and do not have many bells and whistles to encourage users to spend more time on them.

Mayer, 37, wants to make Yahoo's properties much more interactive, on PCs and on mobile devices, using social media tools to personalize

the user experience and new technology to boost advertising sales. Her well-known focus on user design is expected to result in a simpler, less-cluttered email and home page, one source said.

Yahoo declined to comment for this article. Mayer, who gave birth to her first child weeks ago, will unveil details of her comeback plan when Yahoo reports quarterly results today. **REUTERS**

Mayer's meetings

▶ Mayer has been meeting with Internet gurus including AOL Inc. CEO Tim Armstrong, another ex-Google; Silicon Valley lawyer Larry Sonsini; and Wall Street investment bankers, according to people familiar with the matter.

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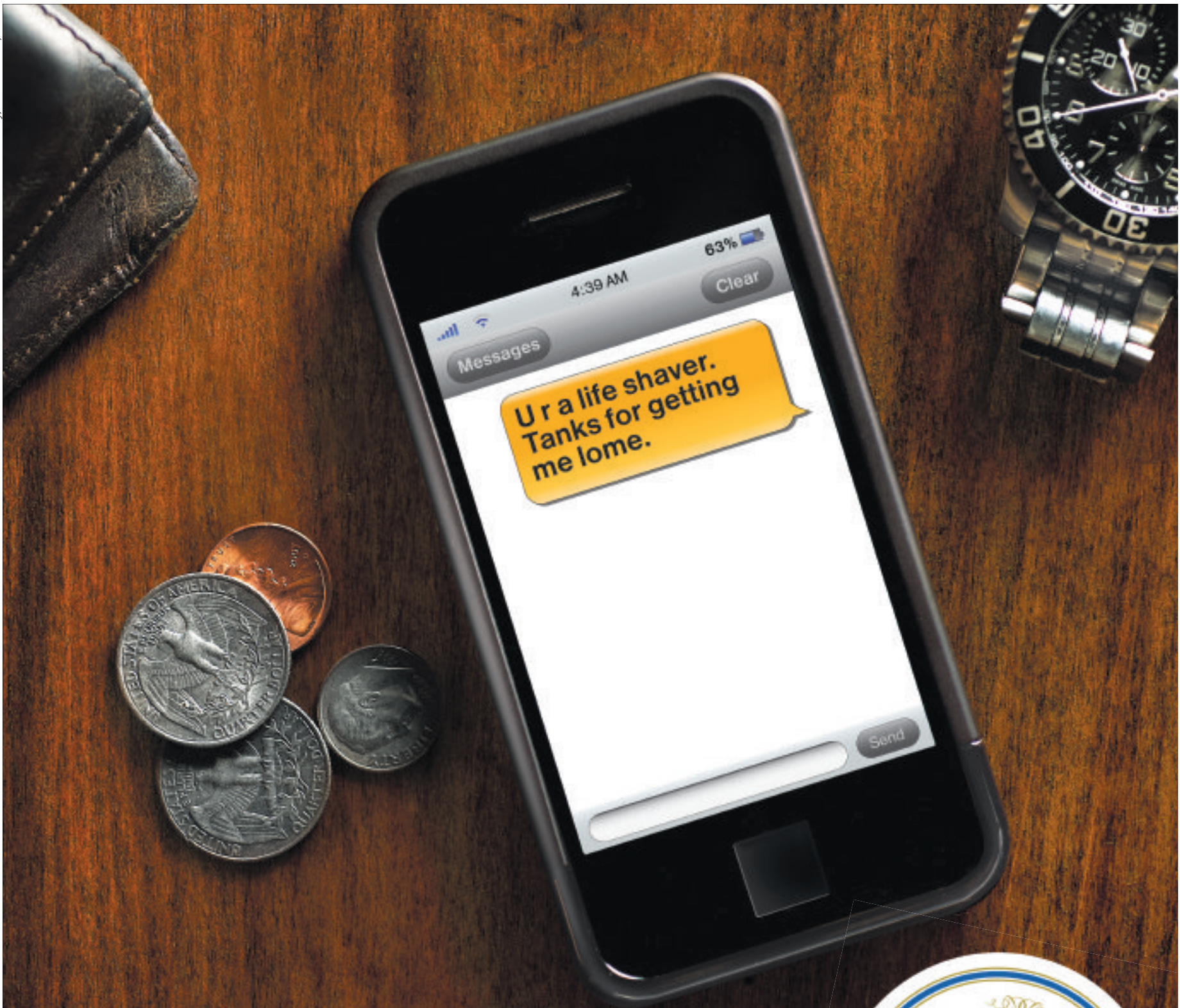
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► Airbus A320

Airbus to double US spending by 2020

LOS ANGELES. Airbus, which last year paid \$12 billion to U.S. suppliers of the parts and services it needs to build its planes, will double that spending by 2020 as it gears up to build a new plant in Mobile, Ala.

Airbus Americas Chairman Allan McArtor will tell an educational summit in Los Angeles on Friday that the spending boost will result from company's planned \$600 million plant to assemble its A320 short- and medium-distance planes.

Southern California is likely to be a big winner from the procurement, with a doubling of the \$1 billion the aircraft maker, part of EADS, spends in the region. **REUTERS**

Investors face earnings blitz with dread

NEW YORK. U.S. earnings started the quarter on the wrong foot and things have only gotten worse.

Expectations for the third quarter were dismal, with forecasts for a decline in profits from a year ago. But a recent flurry of high-profile reports has investors scowling at the weak revenue numbers, adding to worries about the state of the economy and the outlook for corporate America.

"The earnings season is not looking very bright," said Larry Peruzzi, senior equity trader at Cabrera Capital Markets Inc., in Boston. **REUTERS**

Vatican names seven saints — including first Native American

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► Painting representing Kateri Tekakwitha

Pope Benedict created seven saints, including the first Native American to be canonized, as the Roman Catholic Church reaches out to its global flock to rebuff encroaching secularism.

The celebration of figures who had suffered to promote the faith comes as the Church begins a drive to reclaim flagging congregations in former strongholds in the face of sex abuse scandals and dissent against Church teachings.

Thousands of pilgrims from around the world converged on St. Peter's Square to witness the ceremony recognizing the saints, who included Kateri Tekakwitha, a sixteenth-century convert known as "Lily of the Mohawks."

The crowd included hundreds of pilgrims from the United States' 2.5 million-strong Native American population, of whom 680,000 are estimated to be Catholic, a legacy of the success of early missionaries in

Saint Kateri

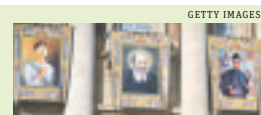
► Born in 1656 in what is now New York to a Mohawk father and an Algonquin mother, she impressed missionaries with her devotion, taking a lifetime vow of chastity and punishing herself by placing hot coals between her toes and sleeping on a bed of thorns.

► When she died at the age of 24, witnesses said smallpox scars on her face disappeared, and people reported seeing visions of her.

converting indigenous people in America.

Among them was a 12-year-old boy who survived a potentially fatal flesh-eating virus, which the Vatican attributed to miraculous intervention by Saint Kateri.

Many pilgrims waved the



Portraits

Portraits of the new saints, including French Jesuit Jacques Berthieu, Italian priest Giovanni Battista Pia-marta, the Spanish nun Carmen Salles y Barangueras, and German laywoman Anna Schaffer hung from the facade of St. Peter's Basilica, and the crowds cheered as each name was called.

flag of the Philippines and held portraits of Pedro Calungsod, killed doing missionary work in 1672, who became the second Filipino saint. Others in traditional German dirndl dresses and leather shorts cheered as Pope Benedict welcomed them in his native tongue. **REUTERS**



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GOP, states still swingin'

Polls: Romney can get enough votes

Suddenly, Republican Mitt Romney has a viable path to victory in the tight battle for the White House. President Barack Obama still appears to have the upper hand in the state-by-state fight to cobble together the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency in the Nov. 6 election.

But Romney's recent surge in the polls after his strong per-

"Ohio is the big unknown, and it's Romney's biggest obstacle."

POLLSTER PETER BROWN



formance in his first debate has propelled the Republican into the lead or within striking distance in enough states. Ohio, long seen as the key to unlocking the White House, looms large in every victory scenario for either candidate. Until the last two weeks, polls did not show Romney with enough support in other crucial states to give him a clear path even if he won Ohio. But he has that now, as the campaign enters its final two weeks with eight states in play as toss-ups.

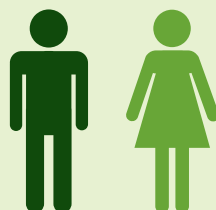
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The great gender divide

Romney is tied at 47 percent with Obama in an NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll. The poll found Romney leads among men, 53 percent to 43 percent, and Obama among women, 51 to 43 percent. **BLOOMBERG**

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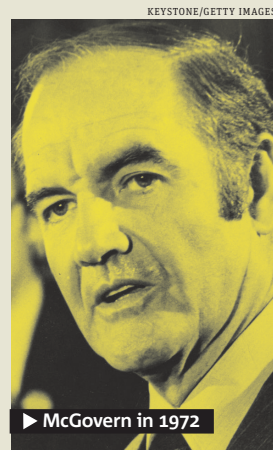
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War critic routed by Nixon in 1972 dies

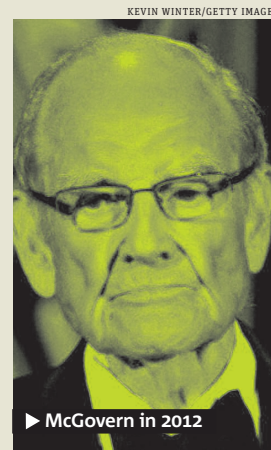
George McGovern, the Democratic presidential candidate whose opposition to the Vietnam War and mistake-prone campaign led to his 1972 loss to Richard Nixon in one of the biggest electoral landslides in history, has died at 90.

The former senator from South Dakota, a symbol of the anti-war movement, won only 37.5 percent of the popular vote in 1972, compared with 60.7 percent for Nixon, who portrayed his opponent as radical and a threat to an imminent peace deal. Nixon won the Electoral College vote, 520-17. The 1972 burglary at Washington's Watergate office complex was designed to undermine the Democratic campaign.

McGovern's prospects went into a tailspin after his vice presidential running mate, Sen. Thomas Eagleton of Missouri, acknowledged to reporters that he had been hospitalized for depression and treated with electric shocks. McGovern declared himself "1,000 percent" behind Eagleton — then, less than a week later, replaced him on the ticket with Sargent Shriver. **BLOOMBERG**



► McGovern in 1972



► McGovern in 2012

McGovern facts

► McGovern, who grew up in South Dakota, volunteered for military service at age 19 and went on 35 combat missions in WWII.

► McGovern served in the U.S. Senate from 1963 to 1981. He served in the U.S.

House of Representatives from 1957 to 1961.

► President John F. Kennedy chose him to head the domestic-international Food for Peace program in 1961, and in 1998 President Bill Clinton named him U.S. ambassador to the U.N. Agencies for Food and Agriculture. **REUTERS**

The numbers win the war

The RealClearPolitics average of polls gives Obama a lead of at least four percentage points in states that account for 237 electoral votes, while Romney enters the final stretch with an edge of that size in states that represent 206 electoral votes. That leaves a reduced battlefield of eight toss-up states and 95 electoral votes, all won by Obama in the 2008 election **REUTERS**

4 New Hampshire has four electoral votes.

6 Iowa has six electoral votes.

6 Nevada has six electoral votes.

9 Colorado has nine electoral votes.

10 Wisconsin has 10 electoral votes.

13 Virginia has 13 electoral votes.

18 Ohio has 18 electoral votes.

29 Florida has 29 electoral votes.

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DEAR SIRs, WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT LIBYA

When they step onto the debate stage in Boca Raton, Fla., on Monday for their third and final debate, President Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney will be talking about foreign affairs even as they make one last push to win over a national audience more concerned about the economy and jobs.

Monday's debate will be a tiebreaker of sorts for the two presidential candidates. Romney clearly dominated their first meeting on Oct. 3, and while Republicans insist Romney also held his own in their second standoff last week, most analysts credit Obama with finally showing the energy and assertiveness his supporters have been demanding.

Now running virtually even, Obama and Romney will both be looking for a breakaway moment in a debate that effectively shifts the conversation away from the race's main focus. Instead of talking about the economy, they will be asked about global affairs.

Incumbent presidents typically hold an upper hand in debates about international relations and national security, experts said. And Obama has had his share of successes in that area, including winding down two wars and killing al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

But more recent events have given Romney an opening that Republicans hope he can exploit. The administration is under fire for its handling of a Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the U.S. consulate in Libya that left the U.S. ambassador and three others dead. The White House at first insisted the attack was part of the spontaneous violence erupting elsewhere in the Middle East over an anti-Muslim video. It was weeks before the administration acknowledged that it was a coordinated terrorist attack. Republicans contend the White House was misleading the country and that the administration failed to heed calls for additional security at the consulate. And those are the points Romney is going to raise in the debate.

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"Both candidates have strengths going into this debate," Todd Graham, debate director at Southern Illinois University, told The Washington Examiner.

Obama may have given Romney additional ammunition on the issue when, during an appearance on Comedy Central's "Daily Show with Jon Stewart" last week, he described the four American deaths as "not optimal." Obama drew an immediate rebuke from the mother of one of the men killed.

"My son is not very optimal," the mother told the Daily Mail, a British newspaper. "He is very dead."

"The whole 'optimal' comment removes the likability factor here" for Obama, said Republican strategist Ford O'Connell. "What Romney is really trying to fight to overcome here is the perception that Obama is strong on foreign policy."

Graham cautioned Romney not to wade too deeply into foreign policy issues that are at best a secondary concern for voters. Instead, Romney should try to relate the foreign policy issues back to domestic economic issues, he said.

"Romney needs to pick his disagreements more carefully and the rest of the time pivot toward the economy and how the economy can help in these foreign policy areas," Graham said.

Obama, he said, should do the opposite.

"His job is to remind people that foreign policy is important," Graham said, "because he will probably win on the experience level, and he will be able to talk about what he has done well, including taking out Osama bin Laden."

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A scholarly take on our horde mentality

► Media studies prof Murali Balaji on why we can't get enough of zombies ► Pop culture's fascination with the undead may be stronger during elections

The Walking Dead" is one of the most popular shows on TV. Its season premiere last week saw 10.1 million viewers — 15.2 million if you include the two encores that ran the same evening. What makes this show about zombies so popular?

"It really puts viewers into a moral dilemma," says Murali Balaji, assistant professor of media studies and production at Temple University in Philadelphia. "People wonder what would they do if they were in such an extreme situation."

Balaji, who teaches courses in both media theory and popu-

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"Some viewers see themselves as the survivors dealing with people who act like the mindless. Others are aware of themselves slipping into a kind of zombie-like state themselves, with their routines and lack of spontaneity." BALAJI

lar culture, points out that it's not actually the zombies who are the most dangerous enemies. "What's interesting is that the survivors view fellow survivors as suspiciously, or even more suspiciously, as the zombies themselves," he says. "There's a line from the graph-

ic novel that the show is based on: 'It's not the dead I fear, it's the living.' That resonates with us — we all struggle with dilemmas of trust."

Zombie stories have been increasingly popular during the past 10 years, which may reflect our end-of-the-world fears.



► Zombies marched in Washington, D.C., earlier this month to protest DISH Network dropping AMC, which airs "The Walking Dead."

A seasonal affliction

Our attraction to zombies may be heightened during the elec-

tion season — seriously.

"We're increasingly isolated from one another," says Balaji. "People become consumed in their own tribes, and more and more disconnected."

"Whether it's bioterrorism, a disease outbreak or a nuclear accident, this is something that people could see happening," Balaji says.

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Behind the degree:

- Master's degrees in digital media studies are on the rise as the way we share information changes
- Where students use the skills

Cynthia Baron directs the Master of Professional Studies in Digital Media program at Northeastern University. Like most graduate degrees of this kind, the Northeastern program only emerged in the past few years. She sat down with Metro to discuss this budding field of study.

Digital media studies are relatively new to the landscape of graduate degrees. Why have so many schools developed these programs? I think it's pretty obvious that it's market-driven in the sense that more and more of our lives are touched by digital technology. There's a big difference be-

tween understanding how to use a piece of software and why you would design it that way. And, when you put different processes together, it becomes very complicated. There wasn't a place to study this in any one academic discipline. Schools wanted to look at this phenomenon as a whole, instead of trying to do it piecemeal with added classes here and there in other areas of study.

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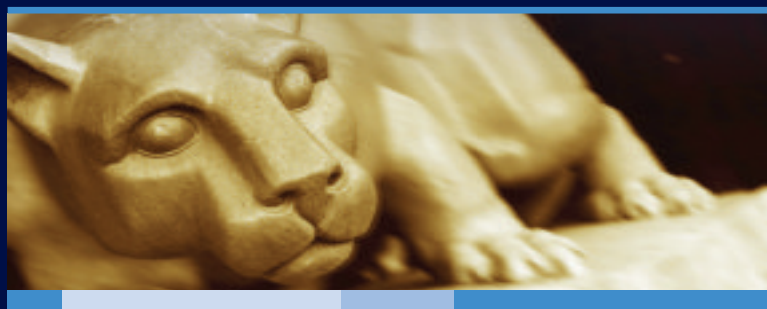


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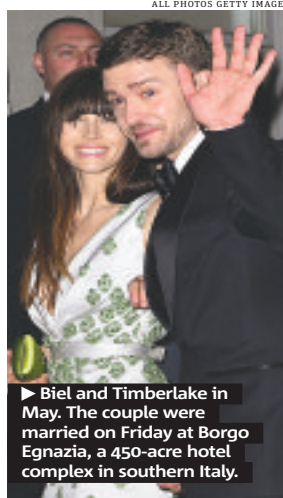
Jessica and Justin by the numbers

Justin Timberlake married his first wife, actress **Jessica Biel**, on Friday night in southern Italy. Although the wedding was on lockdown harder than Britney Spears' virginity circa 1998, some details have leaked out. Here's a quick look at what it took for Biel to become justified.

150 Number of guests, including **Andy Samberg**, **Jimmy Fallon**, 'N Sync singer **Chris Kirkpatrick**, actress **Beverley Mitchell** and **Timbaland**

2 Number of times the couple has split in their five-year courtship

5 Number of stars of the **Borgo Egnazia**, the luxury resort they took over for the



► Biel and Timberlake in May. The couple were married on Friday at Borgo Egnazia, a 450-acre hotel complex in southern Italy.

"It's great to be married. The ceremony was beautiful and it was so special to be surrounded by our family and friends."

THE COUPLE TOLD PEOPLE IN A STATEMENT

festivities. The complex is located in Ostuni, Puglia, in the heel of Italy.

6.4 Cost, in millions, of Friday night's nuptials, according to Radar Online. This figure covered private jets, white flowers throughout the hotel complex, a fireworks show, and the resort costs.

Kardashian and Kanye in Rome

Looks like Italy is a new hot spot for celebrities this week: **Kanye West** and **Kim**

Kardashian are also there. The rapper romanced his girlfriend with a getaway for her 32nd birthday.

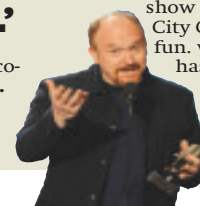
"I got whisked away to Rome for a birthday week surprise!" Kardashian blogged, posting shots of the couple on the way to

dinner. "Italy is so beautiful!! Best birthday ever!!" she later tweeted.

The odds are slim, but how fantastic would it be if West had just taken her to an Olive Garden in New Jersey and she just had no idea?

Louis C.K. to host 'SNL'

Famed stand-up comedian **Louis C.K.** will host NBC's "Saturday Night Live" on Nov. 3.



following a seven-night, 14-show stand at New York City Center. Musical act fun. will join C.K., who has recently risen to prominence as the writer, director and star of FX's "Louie."

Talking points

Lohan really wishes she were adopted

Lindsay Lohan apparently can't win with either of her parents. The actress, whose recent argument with her mom, **Dina Lohan**, led to police involvement, reportedly called the police on dad **Michael Lohan**, who had turned up at her Beverly Hills home with a group of

friends to stage an intervention, according to TMZ. Michael told the website that his daughter is in need of treatment and has been surrounding herself with "a bunch of alcoholics and drug addicts." Police arrived in response to a complaint that Michael and his posse were trespassing, and they soon dispersed.

It's a boy for singer Adele

Adele has given birth to a baby boy, according to the



► Mama Adele

Sunday Mirror. The singer and her boyfriend, **Simon Konecki**, welcomed the tot last week. "Adele and Simon are ecstatic at their new arrival. She was over the moon that they were expecting their first child together," a source tells the newspaper. The birth comes just four months after the "Rolling in the Deep" singer announced she was pregnant.

Perry wants to change Mayer

There's some new insight into

why **Katy Perry** keeps sticking with on-again, off-again beau **John Mayer**, according to Us Weekly. Apparently the pop star "believes she can change him," sources say. "She doesn't want to be just another one of his conquests." Her latest strategy — which may explain all the breaking up and making up rumors — is reportedly to play hard-to-get. "She recently told John she was open to see other people," the source says. "Once Katy turned her back on him, he started chasing her again."

The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, **Lindsay Lohan** is a material girl, **Samuel L. Jackson** is ready for the election already, **Jennifer Hudson** is suffering from sticker shock, and **Seth MacFarlane** is enjoying the season.

@**LindsayLohan**
I don't have a boyfriend. I have Chanel, Hermes and diamonds.

@**SamuelJackson**
Let's all just Vote & see what happens! Who needs Bus Fare?!

@**IAMJHUD**
Just spent \$14 on a bag of candy. Come along way from the old corner store.

@**SethMacFarlane**
Halloween is a great time of year to see some spoooooooooooooky prostitutes.



Jennifer Hudson

Hugs all around for your Monday

1 **Olivia Wilde** and **Jason Sudeikis** in a quickie embrace in New York City last week.

2 Chinese author **Liao Yiwu** and German writer and Nobel Prize winner **Herta Muller** embraced last Sunday in Frankfurt, Germany.

3 **Sheridan Smith** and **Billy Connolly** attended the "Quartet" premiere during the 56th BFI London Film Festival at the Odeon Leicester Square last Monday in London.

4 Designer **Michael Kors** and **Bette Midler** showed their

love at the Michael Kors Golden Heart Gala last Monday in New York City.

5 **Donny Osmond** hugged singer **Susan Boyle** after performing together for "The Donny & Marie Show" at the Flamingo Las Vegas last Wednesday. Boyle's new album, "Standing Ovation," will be released on Nov. 13.

6 Hug it out, bro: Co-stars **John Goodman** and **Bryan Cranston** attended the gala premiere of "Argo" during the 56th BFI London Film Festival at the Odeon Leicester Square on Wednesday in London.

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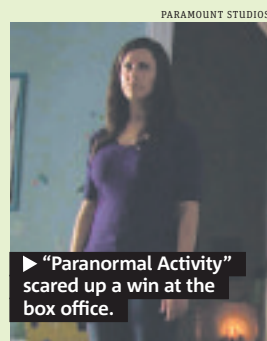
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Box office

Fourth 'Paranormal Activity' tops charts

Haunted house movie "Paranormal Activity 4" crept into the No. 1 spot on weekend box office charts with \$30.2 million in U.S. and Canadian ticket sales, studio estimates released yesterday showed.

The fourth installment in the low-budget horror series chronicles the strange events that happen in a neighborhood after a woman and her young child move in. The movie cost



► "Paranormal Activity" scared up a win at the box office.

just \$5 million to make.

"Paranormal Activity" finished ahead of Iran hostage drama "Argo," which collected \$16.6 million at domestic theaters from Friday through Sunday. Directed by and starring Ben Affleck, the movie is based on the real-life rescue of U.S. government employees from Iran in 1979.

Receipts for "Argo" dropped 15 percent from a week earlier.

The 3-D animated "Hotel Transylvania" captured third place with \$13.5 million, just ahead of spy thriller "Taken 2," which grabbed \$13.4 million.

REUTERS

Top 5 films

1. "Paranormal Activity 4": \$30.2 million
2. "Argo": \$16.6 million
3. "Hotel Transylvania": \$13.5 million
4. "Taken 2": \$13.4 million
5. "Alex Cross": \$11.7 million

CMJ OK

► Plenty of acts created buzz at the Music Marathon in New York City over the weekend ► But there didn't seem to be many breakout stars

On the Web

► Visit us online at <http://www.metro.us/new-york> to read our comprehensive CMJ coverage.

One of the biggest buzz acts of this year's CMJ was **Savages**, four London women whose punctuated attack on each song is every bit as vicious and thrilling as their name implies. Gemma Thompson plays guitar like she's the runaway teenage daughter of the Edge. It's not easy to make out the subject matter coming from singer Jehnnny Beth, but it's unmistakably angry, as she flails about like every convulsion is choreographed to the beats of drummer Fay Milton, who just wails on her kit. Holding down all the chaos is bassist Ayse Hassan, who closes her eyes and lets the beat coarse through her. The sound is what's traditionally called post-punk, but the energy is 100 percent punk.

First impressions aren't always reliable, but **Little Green Cars** singer Stevie Appleby's Ramones shirt and his Dublin band's a capella opener were good indications of what LGCs are all about. When it comes to the traditional music of their

hometown, they can weave their voices together as beautifully as any esteemed practitioner of the genre. But they do so with a crushing angst and the joy of rocking out.

Did somebody say rocking out? **King Tuff** was all about that during a late-night set on Friday in a Brooklyn warehouse called Cheap Storage. It was the perfect setting for the jubilant mosh pit that his band set in motion with their four-on-the floor, classic punk-rock sound.

IO Echo were another big draw at this year's Marathon. This Los Angeles four-piece play romantic melodies housed in synth and drums. Singer Ioanna Gikas, like a denim Florence (with men in skinny jeans and black leather as her Machine)

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► The Savages were a CMJ standout.

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► King Tuff brought all the energy of a 1990s Seattle show to Brooklyn on Friday.

Glamming it up CMJ style

It's no coincidence that Ann Courtney, lead singer of **Motherfeather**, has a background in theater. The songstress behind glam "pop cock rock" outfit, as she calls it, not only belts out some raging anthems; she is also a showman in the first degree. Her sweaty, swaggering delivery evokes some sort of awesome demon woman ascending from the gates of hell to deliver unto us a sinfully amazing performance.

HEIDI PATALANO



► Ann Courtney of Motherfeather always captivates a crowd.

frequently raised her arms in what seemed to be some sort of sorrowful pleasure throughout the set.

MS MR have a live sound that melds synth and Gregorian chant. The singer wore printed tights and a cropped red leather jacket, bringing grit and vigor to the lyrics. "We fear rejection, prize attention, crave

affection," getting the crowd to sing and clap along. Her vocals were especially haunting during a performance of their single "Hurricane." Picture the conviction of early Sinead O'Connor paired with a lean, male power source generating a throaty, turbine engine of sound.

The Saturday night Aussie

BBQ showcase embodied the crux of CMJ — buzzy, exciting bands who take full advantage of their time in NYC. Sydney-based **Jinja Safari** mix Afro pop and twee fit for the New Zealand forest.

— Contributed by Pat Healy, Heidi Patalano, Eve Hyman and Chris Leo Palermينو

TV watch list

'Ru Paul's All Stars Drag Race'

REALITY. The stakes — and sequins quota — are even higher in this edition of the drag

queen showdown as 12 returning contestants face off. Season premiere, 9 p.m., Logo

'The Voice'

REALITY. We love the whole "steal a contestant" concept, but producers better keep an eye out — someone might get carried away and try to steal one of those spinny chairs

while they're at it. 8 p.m., NBC

'Totally Clueless'

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Down the rabbit hole with Alice

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"Then She Fell" is a new iteration of an immersive theater piece that's been lovingly honed for several years by Third Rail Projects, originating as the Steampunk Haunted House from 2009-2011. In the current rendition, which takes place onsite at what used to be Greenpoint Hospital in Brooklyn, visitors tour a psychiatric ward where characters from "Alice in Wonderland" begin to unspool the real and speculative elements of the courtship between Charles Dodgson — who wrote as Lewis Carroll in the late 19th century — and his young friend Alice Liddell.

Playing on the theme of the looking glass, it's not uncommon for a mirror to become a window, a window to become a door and a door to become a passage into another realm. Armed with a ring of skeleton keys, audience members — limited to 15 per performance — venture through a lush and labyrinthine setting, exploring spaces such as medical wards, sitting rooms and a millinery. They're invited to spy on intimate dance sequences, unlock hideaways, rifle through draw-



► More information on Third Rail Projects' "Then She Fell," an interpretation of the fact and fiction of Lewis Carroll, is available at www.thenshefell.com.

ers and experience one-on-one scenarios with characters such as the Alices (Tara O'Con and Marissa Nielsen-Pincus), the White Rabbit (Tom Pearson) and the Red Queen (Rebekah Morin). Perhaps most intriguing is the Mad Hatter (Elizabeth Carena); she is plagued with existential questions about what it means to live only as her creator's afterthought. The ambience includes music, slamming doors and phantom prose. There are also "Eat Me" and "Drink Me" interludes where guests sample small bites and alcoholic sips to aid the full-sensory experience.

Going, going ...

► Though we'd love to highly recommend the show, it's sold out for the remainder of its run through Nov. 18. "Then She Fell" hopes to stage a Manhattan reincarnation in 2013. If you can get your hands on a ticket, we advise that you take the chance to escape your usual passive play perspective and tarry down this rabbit hole.

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"If you're not happy at home, it's hard to be happy in your everyday life," says Rubin, the author of 2009's "The Happiness Project," whose new book is aptly called "Happier at Home." "Ideally, our home is a place that energizes and calms us, where we can have privacy but also engage with other people. If you're happy at home, you'll have a much stronger place from which to go out into the world."

We asked Rubin for some tips on how we can use our homes to create happiness.



► Rubin

Embrace good smells: "A good smell is a quick fix — it gives you an immediate lift," Rubin says. "It's not like eating a cookie but having to count calories, or reading a book but needing time — it doesn't have a cost. Just light a scented candle, have a bowl of fresh grapefruit in the kitchen or place lavender sa-

chets for your drawers."

Kiss and hug: "People think we act because of the way we feel when, really, we feel the way we act. If you act in a loving, lighthearted way and kiss or hug those you love daily, you can really foster those feelings in yourself. As you're communicating these feelings to somebody else, that person will then feel more beloved. Acting this way will also help drive out negative feelings such as anger or resentment."

Get jumping: "Our home is the symbolic resting place for our body. It's the launching pad of all your routines. Your body is everything — whatever you do, your body will always be there. Any of the habits related to caring for your body, you have to

figure them out from home. So exercise better and act more energetic. Do a few jumps a day. Literally. It will put a spring in your step and give you a quick jolt of energy."

Clear out clutter: "Living in a house where everything is falling into disorder can make you really unhappy. A crowded closet isn't a big deal, yet somehow it can weigh you down. Getting control over the inflow of 'stuff' of life will make you feel more in control of life in general. Make sure you only have things you need, use and love. Everything else you can get rid of."

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Go to bed

"Some people think they're too tired to do anything except watch TV or cruise on the Internet and dedicate a lot of time to these low-grade activities that don't

boost happiness. But don't let these activities eat up a lot of your time or you'll stay up too late and wake up feeling exhausted. If you were too tired to do anything but watch TV, then go to sleep."

more important. You need to create boundaries so that technology doesn't invade your life like a weed. End the day with an emptier inbox and don't check e-mail at bedtime — the stimulation will wake you right up. When you're with your family, put away your phone, iPad and laptop."

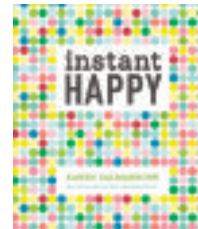
Create a shrine: "Making a sort of shrine — which can include anything from music, travel mementos, photo albums or jewelry — creates a specific place that is full of love. You may want to have a wall of photographs of your friends or family to remind you of the things and people that make you happy."



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When temps stay

Other employers are adding fewer seasonal workers this year, having held onto more of last year's hires. Target, the second-largest U.S. discounter, said about 30 percent of its holiday hires in 2011 stayed with the company year-round. It plans to add 80,000 to 90,000 workers compared with 92,000 last year.



► Macy's, Kohl's and Toys "R" Us are among stores that need extra help this year.

GETTY IMAGES

With holidays approaching, many retailers looking to hire seasonal help

Thousands of job-seekers across the U.S. are looking to bolster their employment prospects as some major retailers, from Kohl's to Toys "R" Us, announce plans to take on more temporary workers than last year. The trend for the industry is less robust, with hiring in November and December increasing at most by 2.9 percent, compared with 7.9 percent last year, as projected sales growth weakens, according to the National Retail Federation.

The rate of holiday job growth reflects U.S. economic growth, said Jack Kleinhenz,

"Last year we saw a lot of the retailers take 20 to 30 percent of their seasonal applications and turn them into permanent positions. This is a fabulous time to try to take something seasonal and turn it into something permanent."

MARYAM MORSE OF MANAGEMENT CONSULTING FIRM HAY GROUP

Who's hiring now

Stores across the U.S. have started to announce seasonal hiring plans. Macy's, the second-biggest department-store chain, said it will add about 2,000 more workers than the 78,000 it hired last year. Toys "R" Us said it plans to employ 45,000 temporary staff, up 5,000 from last season. Kohl's said it will add more than 52,700 people.

Companies such as RadioShack and The Gap have begun promoting job

2,000

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openings, said Don Firth, president of AllRetailJobs.com, an online job board for the retail industry. "The big stores are already putting advertisements up there," he said. "We are already seeing a lot more traffic coming to our site."

chief economist at the NRF. Consumer spending, adjusted for inflation, stalled in August, according to the latest data released from the Commerce Department.

Still, any increase in jobs is welcome, said Chris Varvares, senior managing director and co-founder of Macroeconomic Advisers LLC in St. Louis. The unemployment rate fell to 7.8 percent in September after hovering above 8 percent for 43 straight months. The economic effect of the holiday season is a "definite plus: It helps profits, it helps employment and, to the extent it does both of those things, it can help to create a virtuous cycle of improved consumer confidence and then stronger spending down the road," he said. "It definitely puts a shot of income into the economy that if we were missing, we would notice."

ELIZABETH DEXHEIMER/BLOOMBERG

The online impact

Online shopping has created another segment of holiday hiring, as distribution centers and delivery services add temporary workers to keep up with shipping demands. This year, holiday online sales are projected to increase 12 percent, compared with a 15 percent rise in 2011.

"The game changer is e-commerce," said Chris Christopher, director of U.S. and global consumer-economics research at IHS Global Insight Inc. "Where you might see strong temporary hires outside the retail channels is in the couriers, like UPS and FedEx, to handle the onslaught of increased e-commerce sales," he said.

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Letters

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All the world's a (political) stage

The United States elections in general and the presidential in particular look more like a show contest. Like actors, the candidates have to rehearse and choose with precision what they must say and how they stand with the help of a cohort of advisers. What they believe in doesn't matter. The most important is to tell to the population what the polls suggest they want to hear. Mitt Romney can switch his speeches depending on who he is talking to, and he jumps in the poll because it's the right thing to say. And at the end of the day, the electors are unsatisfied with their elected officials. How can it be otherwise when the choice is not based on facts, but only how the candidate performs

on the show?

ABAHEBOU KAMAGATE, VIA E-MAIL

Part of American public is seeing red

Did you ever think you would see a time in America when our president so despises the principles and ideals our country was founded on that he is willing to destroy the lives of its citizens by creating unconscionable dependency on a few "ruling class" socialist, communist bureaucrats in Washington? We have our chance to spit this chicken bone out of our throats and that chance comes on Nov. 6. We have had enough of this destructive regime. Vote for your future, your children's and your grandchildren's and your great grandchildren's future. We are the only ones

who can stop this madness now. See you at the polls.
JOHN SANGENARIO, VIA E-MAIL

The good use of parables isn't eons old or anything

RE: "FIFTY SHADES OF PURPLE" (METRO, OCT. 19-21) Thanks for the story, [news columnist] Tom Foreman. But it seems you haven't grasped that women are whole human beings to be respected either. We do not need stories or fantasy worlds to explain what we live every day. We simply need to be respected for what we contribute to our communities, our homes, our jobs and our country. Learn from Clint Eastwood's mistake: Mature adults can discuss facts without theatrics. In fact, it's

safe to say that most adults prefer not be spoken to like simpleminded children.
SHAYLA LIVINGSTON, VIA E-MAIL

What? A politician taking the credit?

RE: "YOU KNOW WHAT HE MEANT; FOCUS ON THE ACHIEVEMENT" (METRO, OCT. 19-21) Letter writer Joey Whitmoyer claims Romney recognized the lack of women in governance and sought out to change that by compiling a list of capable women. The reality is that prior to Romney even being elected, the bipartisan women's group MassGAP sought to address this problem and compiled the binder — and then successfully lobbied Romney to hire more women, using their binder to identify candidates. While he deserves credit for acting at their behest, it is unfortunate that Romney later chose to show his support for women by taking credit for a project done by a women's organization.

SHANA CUDDY, VIA E-MAIL

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♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Make a mental game out of any difficulties that you might have to contend with. Your capacity for achievement will be greatly enhanced if you don't take anything too seriously.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Although you're likely to be extremely enterprising, you won't necessarily be working for personal gain. It's more apt to be the needs of those you love that will motivate you.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** As long as you act on your ideas, your probabilities for success look to be extremely encouraging. Two of your greatest assets are your imagination and initiative.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** This could be a materially rewarding day for you — but, surprisingly, not necessarily due to your own efforts. All the good that befalls you might be derived from an indirect source.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** You'll perform twice as efficiently working with persons who know exactly where they are going rather than with those who are more carefree.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Don't look for problems, but don't run away from them either. This is a day when you should be able to respond well to challenging situations.

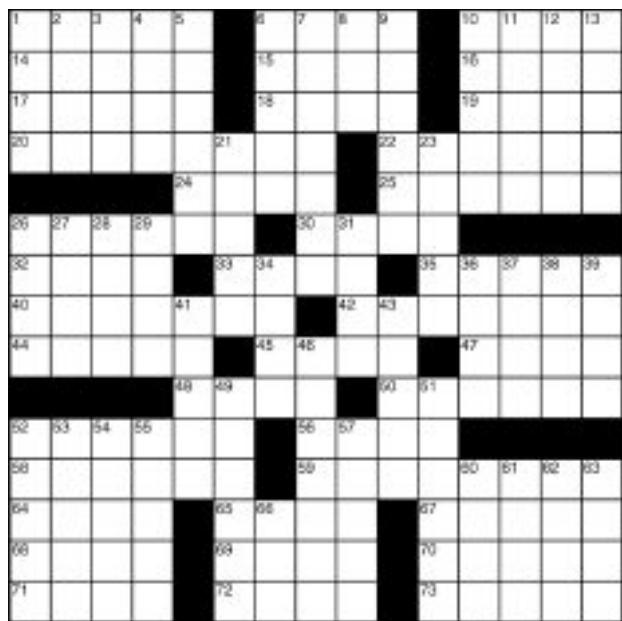
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Regardless of your circumstances and/or problems, think positive; whether you realize it or not, this is an excellent day for fulfilling your hopes.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** It's perfectly OK to be bold when striving to achieve your purposes, but not to the point of foolhardiness. If bravado is required in certain cases, use it sparingly.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** The answers that you've been searching for can be found by discussing your concerns with someone who knows how to listen and has advised you correctly in the past.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If you spot a development that shows possibilities of being financially meaningful, go ahead and exploit it — but do so carefully. It might be more complex than it initially appears.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Someone with whom you're involved could presently be on a lucky roll that could include you if you don't get cold feet. Instead of running away, snuggle up even closer.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You're in a better-than-usual cycle for achieving more meaningful objectives, especially those that are related to your personal ambitions and material security. Go after things with gusto.
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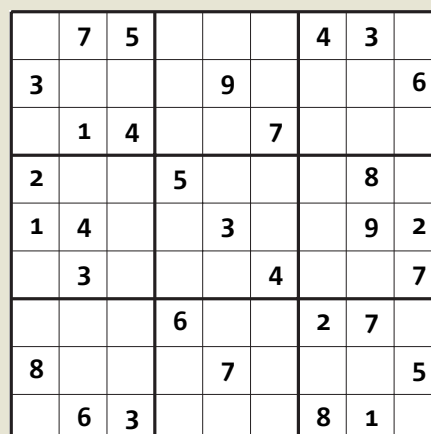
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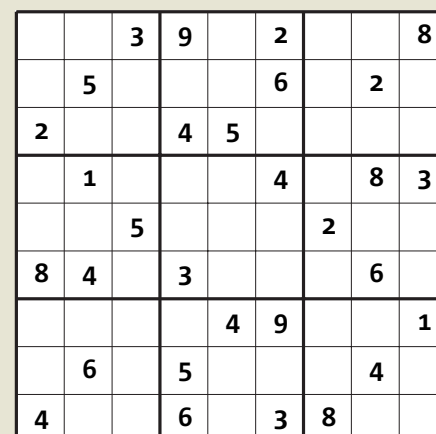
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In the news



That's Amar'e

If Knicks fans were hoping their oft-injured power forward would be healthy for a full season, they now know he won't even make it to the season opener.

Amar'e Stoudemire has a ruptured cyst in the back of his left knee, the team announced yesterday. He will miss two to three weeks.

He'll miss the season opener against the Nets on Nov. 1 as well as matchups against the Heat and Sixers.

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GIANTS (5-2)

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REDSKINS (3-4)

What went right ...

1 Big Three — The Giants' three defensive ends — Osi Umenyiora, Justin Tuck and Jason Pierre-Paul — got pressure on the QB for the second straight game. Each of the three Pro Bowlers had one sack, while Pierre-Paul also forced a fumble.

2 Big Apple turnover — Speaking of turnovers, the Giants would've been in big trouble if their defense hadn't forced four of them. Stevie Brown came up with a big pick and a late fumble by Santana Moss iced the game.

3 Balanced attack — With almost all their weapons healthy, the Giants showed tremendous balance on offense. Five different players caught at least three passes, with Cruz leading everyone with seven catches. **METRO**



▶ Victor Cruz caught a 77-yard touchdown pass from Eli Manning with 1:13 left in the Giants' win yesterday.

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► Manning does it again with late comeback victory ► Cruz game-winner comes on 77-yard bomb ► Overcome late touchdown drive by Griffin III

While a cynic would say it was Eli Manning's uneven play that got the Giants into their late-game bind in the first place, it still should be noted that when Big Blue needed him the most, he came through — as he's done so many times before.

"Does he ever cease to amaze me? No, I guess," head coach Tom Coughlin said of his quarterback. "That one interception put a lump in my throat, but then he came right back and made the play at the end with Victor. ... He just keeps hanging in there and



"I never doubt us. Never doubt our talent. And never doubt him. That's what we believe ... and it's because of Eli." HAKEEM NICKS, ON HIS QB

banging away. When his back is up against the wall is when he does his best work."

Manning helped his team avert a near-collapse to the burgeoning Redskins when he connected with wideout Victor Cruz for a game-winning 77-yard touchdown with less than 90 seconds remaining in the game. The play capped a two-play, 19-second drive and countered what was almost rookie quarterback Robert Griffin III's shining moment when he led the Redskins on an improbable scoring drive himself, with 1:38

remaining in the game.

"With our offense and with Eli at the helm, we're never really too worried," Cruz said. "We know that no matter what situation we're in, no matter how many points we need ... we have the confidence that we can do it. We can get ourselves in the right position for a touchdown. We just have a lot of confidence in each other and in Eli and I think it shows on the field."

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What we learned ...

1 No joke — The Jets lost, but they proved they could be a team to be reckoned with, at least in the AFC East, with a gritty performance on the road.

2 No more Tebow — Tim Tebow barely played, let alone at running back. The Jets need to move on from that failed experiment.

3 Kerley legit — With Santonio Holmes out, Jeremy Kerley stepped up. He had seven catches for 120 yards. ● **METRO**

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Up next: vs. Dolphins



▶ Rob Ninkovich (No. 50) recovered Mark Sanchez's fumble in overtime to end the game.

Jets fall in tough OT loss

The Jets lost a tough one in New England that is sure to leave their fans wanting.

Stephen Gostkowski kicked a 48-yard field goal on the opening possession of overtime, while Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez fumbled away the game on the following drive to seal the Patriots' 29-26 win.

The Jets (3-4) fall into a tie for last in the AFC East, while the Patriots are now in first at 4-3.

And while the Jets carried themselves well in the loss, they had a chance to win in regulation. They rallied from a 23-13 deficit in the fourth quarter to tie it up on a 43-yard field goal

by Nick Folk with 2:06 remaining. Devin McCourty fumbled the ensuing kickoff and another 43-yard field goal gave the Jets an unlikely chance to win, 26-23.

Instead, the Jets fell into the prevent defense and allowed Tom Brady to drive down for the game-tying field goal.

Sanchez threw for 328 yards on 28-for-41 passing, but it was his late fumble that ended it. ● **METRO**

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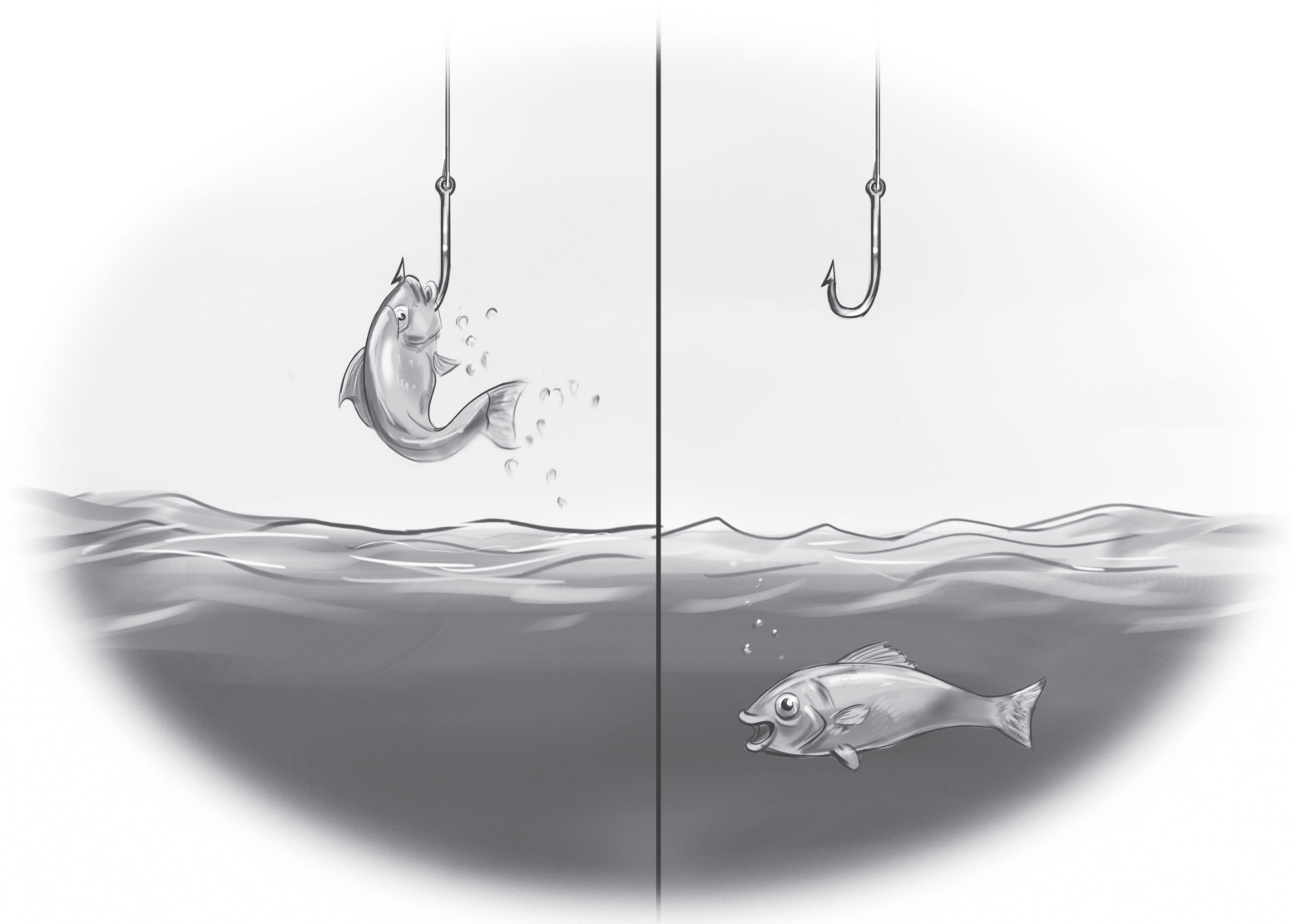
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